

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
MARSHALL DIVISION**

ROTHSCHILD BROADCAST DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS, LLC	§	
	§	
	§	
Plaintiff,	§	Case No:
	§	
vs.	§	PATENT CASE
	§	
FANDANGO MEDIA, LLC	§	
	§	
Defendant.	§	
	§	
	§	

---

**COMPLAINT**

Plaintiff Rothschild Broadcast Distribution Systems, LLC (“Plaintiff” or “RBDS”) files this Original Complaint against Fandango Media, LLC (“Defendant” or “Fandango”) for infringement of United States Patent No. 8,856,221 (hereinafter “the ‘221 Patent”).

**PARTIES AND JURISDICTION**

1. This is an action for patent infringement under Title 35 of the United States Code. Plaintiff is seeking injunctive relief as well as damages.

2. Jurisdiction is proper in this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 (Federal Question) and 1338(a) (Patents) because this is a civil action for patent infringement arising under the United States patent statutes.

3. Plaintiff is a Texas limited liability company with its principal office located at 1400 Preston Road, Suite 400, Plano, Texas 75093.

4. On information and belief, Defendant is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, with a principal address at 12200 West Olympic Boulevard, Suite 400, Los Angeles, California 90064. Upon information and belief, defendant

may be served with process at Enterprise Corporate Services LLC, 1201 N Market Street Suite 1000, Wilmington, Delaware 19801.

5. On information and belief, this Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendant because Defendant has committed, and continues to commit, acts of infringement in the state of Texas, has conducted business in the state of Texas, and/or has engaged in continuous and systematic activities in the state of Texas.

6. On information and belief, Defendant's instrumentalities that are alleged herein to infringe were and continue to be used, imported, offered for sale, and/or sold in the Eastern District of Texas.

**VENUE**

7. Venue is proper in the Eastern District of Texas pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(c) and 1400(b) because Defendant is deemed to reside in this district. In addition, and in the alternative, Defendant has committed acts of infringement in this District.

**COUNT I  
(INFRINGEMENT OF UNITED STATES PATENT NO 8,856,221)**

8. Plaintiff incorporates paragraphs 1-7 herein by reference.

9. This cause of action arises under the patent laws of the United States and, in particular, under 35 U.S.C. §§ 271, et seq.

10. Plaintiff is the owner by assignment of the '221 Patent with sole rights to enforce the '221 Patent and sue infringers.

11. A copy of the '221 Patent, titled "System and Method for Storing Broadcast Content in a Cloud-based Computing Environment," is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

12. The '221 Patent is valid, enforceable, and was duly issued in full compliance with Title 35 of the United States Code.

13. Upon information and belief, Defendant has infringed and continues to infringe one or more claims, including at least Claim 1, of the ‘221 Patent by making, using, importing, selling, and/or offering for media content storage and delivery systems and services covered by one or more claims of the ‘221 Patent.

14. On information and belief, Defendant sells, offers to sell, and/or uses media content storage and delivery systems and services, including, without limitation, the FandangoNOW system and service, which infringe at least Claim 1 of the ‘221 Patent.

15. On information and belief, the FandangoNOW system necessarily includes at least one server for hosting and storing media content for customers.

16. On information and belief, the at least one server necessarily includes a receiver to receive request messages from customers. On information and belief, customers may send messages to the server (e.g., via the Internet or otherwise).

17. On information and belief, a message received from a customer includes media data indicating the media content that the customer wishes to view. Customers send their media storage and delivery selections to Defendant’s system and the transmission of those messages is accomplished over the Internet. On information and belief, the media data received by Defendant’s server(s) also includes a consumer device identifier. Also, on information and belief, access to certain content is based upon a customer’s subscription, and thus a customer’s device must be associated with a customer in order for the device’s access to content to be dictated by a customer’s subscription status. The FandangoNOW system accomplishes the forgoing through the use of a Login screen which allows a user to enter ID and password information.

18. On information and belief, the FandangoNOW system necessarily includes a

processor to determine whether the customer's device is registered. Again, by way of example, FandangoNOW restricts certain content types to particular user devices. Defendant's system has to be able to determine whether the device in question is a registered device.

19. The FandangoNOW system provides for both media downloads and media streaming. On information and belief, a processor within Defendant's system necessarily determines whether the request received from a customer is a request for storage (e.g., recording or storing content) or content (e.g., streaming of media content).

20. On information and belief, the FandangoNOW system must verify that media content identified in the media data of the storage request message (e.g., request to record content) is available for storage in order to prevent data errors that would result from attempting to store content that is not available for storage. Advertising shows that a user may program a set top box to record a particular TV show, on particular days, and at a particular time. On information and belief, the FandangoNOW system necessarily verifies that the show designated by the user is in fact being broadcasted at the user defined time and date, and can cancel the recording action if the particular show is in fact not being broadcasted at the designated time and date. Therefore, on information and belief, a processor must determine whether requested content within a storage request is, in fact, available for storage (e.g., on the particular device associated with the request).

21. If a customer requests content (e.g., streaming of media content), then, on information and belief, a processor within the FandangoNOW system necessarily initiates delivery of the content to the customer's device.

22. The FandangoNOW system provides both streaming content and download content. In either case, for at least certain media content delivery, Defendants' system

provides for a certain time period that the delivered content, or content ready for delivery, may be accessed and stored. As an example, the FandangoNOW system provides for content access for a limited period of time (e.g., 30 days). After the applicable time, the content is no longer available. Therefore, on information and belief, the media data within a request message necessarily includes data indicating a length of time for accessing and storing requested content.

23. On information and belief, not all requested content will exist in the FandangoNOW system. Also, as previously stated, FandangoNOW limits delivery of content to particular devices. Therefore, on information and belief, a processor within the FandangoNOW system necessarily determines whether content is available and whether there are restrictions associated with a customer's content request that prevent the content from being delivered.

24. Defendant's actions complained of herein will continue unless Defendant is enjoined by this court.

25. Defendant's actions complained of herein is causing irreparable harm and monetary damage to Plaintiff and will continue to do so unless and until Defendant is enjoined and restrained by this Court.

26. Plaintiff is in compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 287.

**PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff asks the Court to:

- (a) Enter judgment for Plaintiff on this Complaint on all causes of action asserted herein;
- (b) Enter an Order enjoining Defendant, its agents, officers, servants, employees,

attorneys, and all persons in active concert or participation with Defendant who receives notice of the order from further infringement of United States Patent No. 8,437,797 (or, in the alternative, awarding Plaintiff a running royalty from the time of judgment going forward);

- (c) Award Plaintiff damages resulting from Defendant's infringement in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 284;
- (d) Award Plaintiff pre-judgment and post-judgment interest and costs; and
- (e) Award Plaintiff such further relief to which the Court finds Plaintiff entitled under law or equity.

Dated: August 24, 2016

Respectfully submitted,

*/s/ Jay Johnson*

---

**JAY JOHNSON**

State Bar No. 24067322

**D. BRADLEY KIZZIA**

State Bar No. 11547550

**KIZZIA JOHNSON, PLLC**

1910 Pacific Ave., Suite 13000

Dallas, Texas 75201

(214) 451- 0164

Fax: (214) 451- 0165

[jay@kpllc.com](mailto:jay@kpllc.com)

[bkizzia@kpllc.com](mailto:bkizzia@kpllc.com)

**ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF**

## **EXHIBIT A**